

# PATROL NEWS

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"Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Robert E. Bloomberg**  
**Technical Services Bureau**



Summer 2012 will be in full swing by the time of this article's publication. Many of our employees will have begun their vacations, or be very close to starting them, including me. I do want to take this opportunity to remind each of you about the importance of making the operation of your vehicle a full-time job when you are traveling to some long anticipated destination. However, I also want to revisit a few of the topics from my previous columns.

You are the best. Yes, we have looked long and hard to find the highest quality employee we can attract to the Patrol. You may take exception, but we look for those creative, independent-thinking individuals who will bring something extra to the conversation. We can't always adopt your ideas, but as a staff we always listen, and we value the conversation. It is important for you to continue the dialogue, put forth your good ideas, don't fear rejection, and especially don't allow the frustrating pace of government to discourage you. We are at a point in time where good ideas find their way into the game much sooner. Difficult financial times call for innovation on an accelerated implementation schedule.

Be proud of yourself and your organization. I have attended several retirements this year, and on at least two different occasions, the retiring employee told me they were so proud to have been a part of this organization. They related stories about having a conversation with someone and their place of employment came up.

"Oh no, I am not an officer," one of them told me they said, when it became known they worked for the Patrol. You see, the Patrol is much more than just troopers. We have such a dedicated, educated, and talented work force the public seldom sees ... yet, they see the results of your work every day. What you do matters, regardless of your troop, division, or assignment. That reality has been known to me for a long time. While few of you ever get the accolades you deserve, you continue to do that good job you are asked to do—not for the credit, but for the pride and satisfaction of doing a good job. Recently, I attended a retirement reception for a police chief in a small community outside of Kansas City. When the city administrator invited me to the podium to make my presentation to the retiring chief, the citizens in attendance gave *me* a round of applause. Most of them had never met me. But, they knew the uniform and the agency it represented, and that is what was deserving of the recognition.

As I close, I ask that you always remember: We are not individuals, but part of a team that has been playing and winning for over 80 years. As a team, all of the positions are important, but most important is preserving the legacy of those who have gone before us. If we do that, the Patrol will continue to be that strong, respected organization the citizens of our state look to in time of need. Whether it is to bring order from chaos, organization from disarray, or fairness from inequality—we know what is right and we are prepared to do it. Again.

*R. E. Bloomberg*

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## End Of An Era



*Cpl. Casey O. Tubbs, Troop A, traded cars on February 1, 2012. His new ride is the last Ford Crown Victoria assigned to a member of the Patrol. The company discontinued their Crown Vic police package in 2011.*

## Cover

*Sgt. Timothy Peters accepts a Purple Heart Award from Colonel Ron Repogle. His family—his wife, Kathy, son, Aaron, daughter, Malissa, future daughter-in-law Lauryn Jones, and son, Zachary—accompanied him.*

# PERSPECTIVE

## *Remembrance Run Touches The Heart*

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

I've run a few marathons in my time, so I didn't think twice about signing up to take part in the first ever "5 Mile Run For Remembrance" last November. The plan is for this to become an annual event.

It all began when Ms. Beth Knight, a member of The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society) decided to raise money to help provide aid to family members of fallen troopers across the state. (Beth has three brothers that are troopers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.)

Local radio and television stations helped get the word out and on race day, hundreds of runners and walkers braved the cold and laced up their running shoes to do their part for the cause.

The event kicked off with a short prayer and the singing of the national anthem, which seemed to motivate every one of the 350 participants—young and old alike—into high gear. Then, we were off!

We seemed to be running straight into the chilly winds throughout most of the race, but no one seemed to mind. One of the reasons may have been the 30 signs placed along the five-mile course that displayed the

names of fellow troopers from across the state, all of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. It was a fitting tribute to the sacrifice they made serving the citizens of the great state of Missouri.



*This banner across the front of Troop C Headquarters welcomed runners and supporters.*

I ran past quite a few names that brought back bittersweet memories: Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel, Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian, and Trooper Dennis E. Engelhard. They were terrific men—all dedicated to their careers and their families. Each one of them was struck down in the line of duty. I remembered talking to some of these guys, sharing jokes with them, working alongside them, respecting them for the officers they were. It was these kinds of sobering thoughts that made

me run just a little slower; breathe a little heavier.

But, then I started hearing the loud cheers from some of my co-workers, friends, and virtual strangers, who had gathered to watch, hand out water, or help keep the course safe for runners and walkers along the route. As I looked up, they smiled and waved, and encouraged me to continue on for the last couple of miles.

That brought it all home for me. The Patrol is like a big family, and that means sharing in each other's grief and sorrow, but also in their happiness and joy. More than anything else, as



*Runners get started on their 5 Mile Run For Remembrance.*

this run helped show—it's also one, big group that comes together to support each other in times of need.

Won't you join me at the 2nd Annual Run For Remembrance on November 10, 2012? The MASTERS is sponsoring this run again, and hopes to see even more runners and walkers.

# A Spotlight On ...

## Director Jerry Lee

*Department of Public Safety*



In October 2011, Mr. Jerry Lee became director of Missouri's Department of Public Safety. Governor Jay Nixon named the former St. Louis County police chief as the head of one of Missouri's largest state agencies. He comes to the department with 38 years of law enforcement experience, having retired as chief of the St. Louis County Police Department in 2009. After retiring, Director Lee served as a member of the St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners. He has also served on various committees for the Missouri Police Chiefs Association and on several law enforcement advisory boards.

**Patrol News Editor Cheryl Cobb:**

Thank you so much for taking time to talk to our readers.

**DPS Director Jerry Lee:** Cheryl, thank you. I would like to compliment you and your staff for an outstanding publication. With employees across the state, I think it's very important to keep all of the employees of the Highway Patrol informed.

**Cheryl:** It's been at least six months since you stepped into the office of DPS director. In that time, what have you learned? Any surprises?

**Director Lee:** I've learned much about the size of DPS and its various functions, which affect all Missourians. DPS provides a tremendous amount of services to private citizens as well as law enforcement. The budget process at the state level is certainly a challenging and intricate process.

I feel very fortunate that each division has many outstanding leaders and employees who have prepared very detailed and thorough budgets. These budgets provide the necessary requested funds to fulfill their respective missions. Having only been here six months, I began learning from the first day on the job and I continue to learn from the various divisions. I am truly impressed by all of the services that DPS provides to the state.

**Cheryl:** In your current position as DPS director, what experience has touched you, personally, the most?

**Director Lee:** From a personal as well as a professional perspective, it would be the tragic loss of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. and his K-9 Reed. Having come from a law enforcement background, the loss of a trooper is not only a loss for his family and the Patrol, but for all Missourians. While this was a terrible loss, I think the "Patrol family" did an outstanding job in supporting Teresa and Fred's family during these very difficult times. I know that the Patrol will always remember Tpr. Guthrie for making the ultimate sacrifice, and will honor his memory and never forget the sacrifice he made. That being said, I also know that the Patrol will always be there for the Guthrie family.

**Cheryl:** Please share with us what projects you feel need to be priori-

ties for Missouri's Department of Public Safety.

**Director Lee:** I think one of the ongoing and most important projects is interoperable communications. This has been a multi-year project and is nearing completion and implementation. Not only will this project benefit the Highway Patrol, but all of Public Safety. Another priority is our disaster response, as evidenced by the number of disasters that struck Missouri in 2011. Our disaster response during 2011 was outstanding by not only the Highway Patrol, but by other divisions within DPS. While these are important areas, our primary mission to protect and maintain the safety of Missourians remains the goal of DPS, as well as that of the Patrol. The Patrol has done an outstanding job in reducing fatalities on our highways through prevention, education, and enforcement.

**Cheryl:** What message do you wish to convey to the employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol?

**Director Lee:** I would like to congratulate and commend you on being a member of one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country. This can only be achieved with outstanding individuals such as our men and women of the Highway Patrol. You should be proud of yourselves and the Patrol.

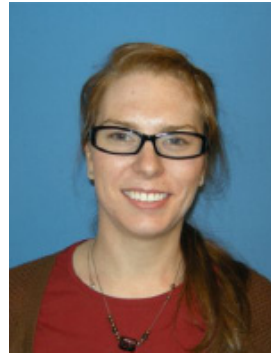
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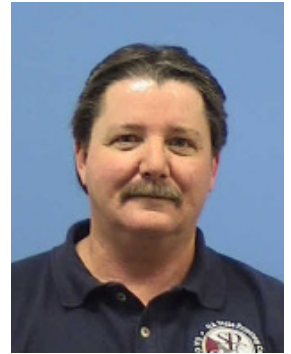
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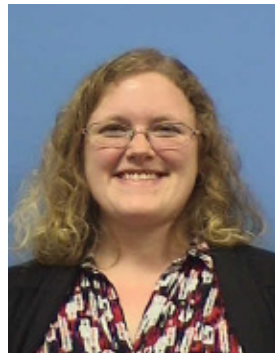
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Troop F



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CIT III  
Q/ICTD

## Top Career DWI Officers\*

Sgt. Blaine L. Adams, Troop E 1,097  
Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher Jr., Troop A 931  
Tpr. John L. Mason, Troop D 916  
Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin, Troop F 851  
Tpr. Ronald W. Eakins, Troop E 847  
Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A 799  
Major Dale A. Schmidt, Q/SSB 795  
Cpl. Mark A. Winder, Troop E 741  
Cpl. Michael L. Scoggins, Troop E 702  
Capt. Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB 693  
Capt. Kevin A. Geiger, Q/GD 685  
Sgt. Nicholas D. Berry, Troop B 681  
Sgt. Trayton T. Pitts, Troop A 664  
Sgt. Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E 618  
Sgt. Douglas J. Hedrick, Troop A 606  
Cpl. Darren S. Call, Troop D 601  
Sgt. Norman E. Rodenberg, Troop A 597  
Sgt. Shane R. Monk, Troop D 571  
Cpl. Richard D. Owens, Troop E 564  
Lt. Norman A. Murphy, Troop C 548  
Cpl. Steven C. Jones, Troop D 545  
Sgt. Timothy R. Selvey, Troop D 545

*\*This list reflects data current as of June 4, 2012.*

# DPS Award Recognizes Rutledge, Hukill

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

After a concerned citizen contacted the Patrol with a report of suspicious behavior at a residence in Lockwood, MO, Troop D dispatched two troopers to investigate. On November 7, 2011, Trooper Kelsey J. Rutledge and Trooper Darwin R. Hukill followed up on the tip by initiating a “knock and talk”. At the Lockwood residence, they located two individuals. Upon running a computer check, it was discovered that both individuals had warrants issued for their arrest.

A check of the vehicle parked at the residence revealed it had been reported stolen in Pittsburg, KS. The troopers continued their investigation, which led to the execution of a search warrant at the residence. The search revealed numerous stolen items and a methamphetamine laboratory. A second residence was linked to the investigation, and additional stolen property was located there. The recovered property was from numerous residential and commercial thefts, and has an estimated value of \$100,000.

A follow-up investigation by Troopers Rutledge and Hukill, the Rural Crimes Investigative Unit, and area law enforcement agencies resulted in the clearing of over 20 theft cases in seven counties in Southwest Missouri and one county in Southeast Kansas.

To honor Troopers Rutledge and Hukill for their investigative abilities, keen sense of observation, and interviewing skills, DPS Director Jerry Lee presented them with the DPS Employee of the Month Award for March 2012. During a ceremony on March 26, 2012, at General Headquarters, Director Lee and Colonel Ron Replogle congratulated both troopers and expressed their appreciation for the work they do. Lt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D, spoke on behalf of Troop D.

“Kelsey’s and Darwin’s perseverance is a reflection of their character and indicative of being a member of the Patrol,” said Lt. Bracker. “They worked together to make this arrest



*Col. Ron Replogle, Tpr. Darwin Hukill, Tpr. Kelsey Rutledge, and DPS Director Jerry Lee are shown after the March 2012 DPS Employee of the Month presentation.*

and their investigative skills led to several other arrests. As a troop and an organization, we are proud of these in-

dividuals and the work they’ve done.”  
 Congratulations Trooper Rutledge and Trooper Hukill!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Emrie Jayne*

Sgt. Jason S. & Mrs. Jodie R. Brumble  
 Troop G

### *Maddox*

Tpr. Jonathan T. & Mrs. Hayley L. Wilson  
 Troop E

### *Kaylee Ann*

Tpr. Paul C. & Mrs. Shelia R. Long  
 Troop C

### *Amelia Esther*

Cpl. Tyler R. & Mrs. Meghan A. Jenkins  
 Troop C

### *Jacie Maleah*

Cpl. John W. & Mrs. Jennifer M. Dick  
 Troop A

### *Kylie Addison*

Tpr. Kyle A. & Angela D. Green  
 Troop F

### *Liam Michael*

Tpr. Daniel A. & Mrs. Shayla Spring  
 Troop B

### *Sydney Rose*

Mr. Tory B. & Prob. Comm. Oper.  
 Megan B. Davila  
 Troop A

### *Maria Elizabeth*

Mr. Kevin L. and Comm. Oper. I  
 Cassidy M. Sinden  
 Troop I

### *Walker John*

Tpr. Thomas O. & Mrs. Crystal B. Mitchell  
 Troop F

### *Leah Nicole*

Tpr. Brett D. & Mrs. Michele N. Tappendorf  
 Troop B

# Ceremony Marks End, Beginning

*By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D*

On January 29, 2012, a wrecking ball struck the side of St. John's Hospital in Joplin, MO. This symbolic act marked the beginning of tearing down the structure destroyed by a powerful tornado in May 2011. Hospital administrators and employees joined emergency services personnel and the community at a special ceremony marking not only the end of St. John's, but also a beginning—the new Mercy Hospital is being built nearby. A ground-breaking ceremony for Mercy Hospital occurred that same day. Construction on the new hospital will be completed in 2015.



*Emergency services personnel wait for the demolition ceremony to begin.*



*Members of Troop D played an important role during the ceremony. Here, a cross from St. John's Emergency Department waiting room sits in Sgt. Michael Watson's pickup. (left) Sgt. Michael Watson led the procession from the old hospital to the construction site of the new hospital.*

*This artist's depiction shows what Joplin's new hospital, located at Interstate 44 and Main Street in Joplin, will look like.*



# DPS Honors Sgt. Trammell

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

**Polygraphist** (pə lig' rə-fist) — One who administers a polygraph. Sergeant Jason B. Trammell, Q/DDCC, (sär ' jənt jă' sūn träm' əl) — An exceptional polygraphist.

Being a polygraphist is more than hooking up a few wires and understanding graphs. It's an art form. Understanding how stress affects people, sharp interviewing skills, patience, and keen observation can solve a case before the polygraph test even begins. This is precisely what Sgt. Trammell does.

On February 17, 2012, Lamar Police Department officers began investigating the death of a four-month-old baby. The child died while in the care of a 27-year-old babysitter. On February 20, Sgt. Trammell assisted the Lamar Police Department officers. As with every polygraph, Sgt. Trammell conducted a thorough pretest interview of the babysitter. During this pretest, the suspect confessed to shaking the baby and causing the injuries leading to his death. Thus, the actual polygraph and posttest (interpreting the graphs) was unnecessary.

On February 22, 2012, Webster County Sheriff's deputies were investigating the disappearance of a 28-year-old Springfield man. Sgt. Trammell assisted with the execution of a search warrant in Rogersville, MO. During the interview of an occupant at the residence, the man confessed to having a part in the murder of the missing man. The subject took officers to a location where they recovered the victim's body, and a second location where they recovered the murder weapon.

In both these cases, Sgt. Trammell secured a confession through skillful interviewing techniques. Because the evidence was circumstantial, the confessions were critical to resolving the case. To recognize Sgt. Trammell's interrogation ability, Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee presented him with the DPS Employee of the Month award for April 2012.

"I'm sure that to him, it's just another day at the office," said Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB. "But, it's great that Jason's being recognized."

"Jason epitomizes the characteristics of our DDCC officers," said

Captain Kyle D. Marquart, Q/DDCC. "He does a great job every day. Congratulations, Jason, and thank you for the work you do."

Sgt. Trammell thanked those who attended the ceremony saying he was surprised and honored. "Any one of the guys I work with could be standing here," he said. He also thanked his wife, Aimee, and admitted, "Sometimes, the calls come in and it's not convenient."



Col. Ron Replogle, Q/Staff, Mrs. Aimee Trammell, Sgt. Jason Trammell, and DPS Director Jerry Lee are pictured.

## Save The Date!!

2nd Annual 5 Mile Run For Remembrance

Honoring Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.

November 10, 2012

Questions or want to volunteer? Please contact:

Ms. Beth Knight

[bcknight@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcknight@sbcglobal.net) or call (314) 486-1182

## CITS II Jeanne V. Livers



**Appointed:** September 12, 2004.

**First Assignment:** CIT III, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters.

**Promotions:** CITS I—December 14, 2008; CITS II—March 11, 2012.

**Current Assignment:** CITS II, Operations Section (Training), Information and Communications Technology Division.

**Family:** Jeanne and her husband, Daniel, have a daughter named Danielle. Danielle is a music therapist in the St. Louis area.

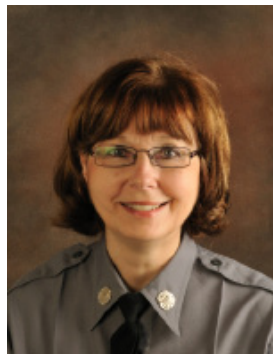
**Interests:** Jeanne is an active member of St. Peter Catholic Church, where she sings in the choir, serves as cantor, and leads retreats. She enjoys music, reading, public speaking, theater, and travel.

Prior to coming to the Patrol, Jeanne served as computer information technologist with the Missouri House of Representatives, as a state mathematics curriculum consultant with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, a scientific analyst/programmer at Southeast Missouri State University, and as an assistant instructor in the Computer Science Department at the same university. Also, she has taught junior high mathematics in Cape Girardeau and Jackson, MO.

Jeanne is a native of Cape Girardeau. She earned a bachelor's of

science degree in secondary mathematics education, a bachelor's of science degree in computer science, and a master's of arts degree in teaching mathematics, all from Southeast Missouri State University. She moved to Jefferson City in 1993.

## Telecom. Jean A. Burns



**Appointed:** September 1, 1999.

**First/Current Assignment:** Telecommunicator, Troop E Headquarters.

**Family:** Jean is married to Tom Burns.

**Interests:** Jean enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.

"I grew up knowing the Patrol as a part of the family," said Jean. "My father, Grady Bassham, retired as the Troop E assistant chief radio operator after 35 years of service. My brother, Randy Bassham, retired as a Troop E radio technician after 27 years of service. As a child, I can remember going to work with my dad on the night shift and listening to him as he talked to all the troopers and used an old, manual typewriter."

"I am married to a wonderful man, Tom Burns, who is also dedicated to law enforcement. He works weekends as a deputy for the Butler County Sheriff's Department and is a vice president at First Community Bank in Poplar Bluff. Between us we have three sons and three wonderful daughters-in-law

who have blessed us with seven terrific grandkids. I am dedicated to my job, and I take great pride in it. My life is God, family, and the scrapbook smile. I scrapbook about everything our families do. I say make every day one to remember."

## Tpr. Ronald L. Kelley



**Appointed:** January 1, 2011.

**First Assignment:** Water Patrol Division, General Headquarters.

**Current Assignment:** Troop D, Zone 15, Stone & Taney Counties.

**Family:** Tpr. Kelley and his wife, Amy, have been married 16 years. They have three children: Zac, Travis, and Madelynn.

**Interests:** Tpr. Kelley is an avid outdoorsman, and his hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and enjoying time with his family. He is very active with local children's charities through the annual "Cops for Kids Bass Tournament" event. This event is held on Table Rock Lake in May, and has raised more than \$40,000 over the past seven years.

"I am a native of Cuba, MO, and graduated from Cuba High School in 1990," said Tpr. Kelley. "I attended the University of Missouri-Columbia. I later transferred to Missouri Southern State College, and graduated in 1994 with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal

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## — Kelley

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justice administration and an associate's of science degree in law enforcement.

"I began my career as a Missouri State Water Patrol officer on October 1, 1995, on Lake of the Ozarks. I patrolled the mid-lake area (Morgan and Camden Counties) from 1996 to 2001. I transferred to Table Rock Lake and patrolled the Aunt's Creek area from 2001 until 2011. While in District 3, I served as the boating education officer as well as a boating accident reconstructionist."

### Clerk Typist III Sheri L. Davidson



**Appointed:** September 16, 2008.

**First Assignment:** Clerk Typist II, Troop D.

**Promotions:** Clerk Typist III— September 12, 2010.

**Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist III, Troop D.

**Family:** Sheri has three grown sons: Matt, Drew, and Sam.

**Interests:** In her free time, she enjoys genealogy and history from any period and any location. She especially likes local history. "If in a group I am always the last to leave a museum." Sheri also makes time for her favorite fitness activities— Zumba and lap swimming.

In her present assignment, Sheri processes expense reports, including uniform allowance claims, and she maintains motor equipment records for Troop D.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

#### 40 years ago ...

*May 1972* — An elderly lady walked into the driver's examination station in Springfield with her operator's license in hand. She told the clerk she would like to take the test. The clerk, seeing the license, asked, "Are you expired?" The elderly lady replied, "No, I'm not, but my license is."

#### 35 years ago ...

*June 1977* — Tpr. E.D. Springs, Troop C, initiated a traffic stop for excessive speed. The Arkansas license plate was "POLOCK". The driver said they were special issue plates. His name was Kleczkowski.

#### 30 years ago ...

*May 1982* — The front cover showed members of the Patrol handling an anti-Ku-Klux-Klan demonstration in Hannibal. The demonstration took place during a Klan rally. There were no injuries incurred while order was being restored. The demonstration lasted approximately 15 minutes.

#### 25 years ago ...

*June 1987* — On the back cover, a photo showed participants in that year's Law Enforcement Torch Run standing in front of the Hearnese Multipurpose Building in Columbia. There were 100 runners from 34 state and local police agencies running from Columbia to the steps of Missouri's Capitol. The fundraiser brought in \$31,000 for Special Olympics.

#### 15 years ago ...

*May 1997* — Patrol members attended clandestine laboratory training. The Patrol/Boy Scouts Crime Prevention Program was a success. The 26th Annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament announcement graced the back cover.

#### 5 years ago ...

*May/June 2007* — Colonel James F. Keathley presented an Honorary Trooper Award to Mr. Mitchell Hulst for his part in locating Ben Ownby, who had been kidnapped after getting off the school bus. Hulst, who was on the same school bus, was able to describe a truck he'd seen in the area that day. Law enforcement located the truck and that led to Ownby's rescue.

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

| Year To Date<br>July 25,<br>2012 | Same Period<br>Last Year<br>Year To Date | Number Of<br>Increase<br>Or<br>Decrease | 2010<br>Traffic<br>Fatalities | 2011<br>Traffic<br>Fatalities |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 379                              | 317                                      | +62                                     | 821                           | 784                           |

**Note:** These totals do not include late deaths.

# New Operators Complete Training

By Chief Operator Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD

On February 24, 2012, eight probationary communications operators completed a four-week academy. Hosted by the Information and Communications Technology Division's Operations Section, the training took place at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. During the course, the probationary operators completed the public safety communications telecommunicator course, the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement full certification course, and the Cultural

**ICTD Section Directors Roger Strobe and J. Corey Chaney present the Harry W. Duncan Director's Award to Prob. Comm. Oper. Kerri L. Baker, Troop F**



*Congratulations to the following probationary communications operators for completing this training:*

Kerri L. Baker .....Troop F  
April A. LaChance ..... Troop C  
Patricia J. Limbaugh .....Troop E  
Mindi M. McCoy.....Troop F  
Brian P. Pollitt.....Troop F  
Elizabeth A. Sanders.....Troop A  
Alicia L. Smith ..... Troop C

Awareness course. They also completed numerous practical exercises in call processing, radio technique, and Patrol radio dispatch procedures, as well as administrative message writing, critical incident reporting, and other standard communications procedures. Guest instructors from troop communication

centers across the state provided expert instruction in standards and insight into troop procedures and day-to-day operations.

Congratulations to Prob. Comm. Oper. Kerri L. Baker, Troop F, who accepted the 2012 Harry W. Duncan Director's Award, for earning the highest overall grade point average. Prob. Comm. Oper. Baker excelled in both her academic and practical skills performance.

*A Closer Examination From The Benchtop ...*



## Explore The World Of The Web LAR

The Patrol's Crime Laboratory has developed a way to make the task of evidence submission more streamlined: the ability for you to fill out Laboratory Analysis Requests (LAR) online before submitting the evidence to the lab. This Web-based evidence submission service (Web LAR) offers convenience, and will expedite the evidence submission process. This system allows submitting agencies the ability to enter the case information (at

any time of the day) into the Web LAR prior to arriving at the lab. The laboratory evidence technicians can then access your case information when you bring the evidence to the lab, resulting in significant savings of time for you at the lab evidence intake window.

Before using this new system, any law enforcement agency with Internet access must first register to submit evidence through the Web LAR. It is the submitting agency's prerogative

to decide who should have the access to enter cases into the system. To register, sign up through the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Web site ([www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov)). Click on the "Law Enforcement Portal" at the top of the screen. A small "Quick Links" box will appear on the top right portion of the screen. Select LAR, New User Registration, and complete the required information before selecting Register. You will need your agency's ORI number for this process.

Once your application is approved, you will receive a confirmation and password for the system. At that time, you can begin submitting evidence information electronically! For more information about the world of Web LAR, review **Under the Scope**, Volume 12, Issue 1.

# Promotions



Stuart D. Black  
Sergeant  
Troop H



Amy E. Reynolds  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Timothy J. Hourihan  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Terry M. James  
Corporal  
Q/GD



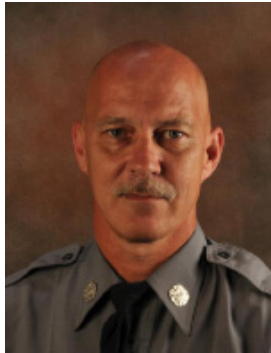
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Corporal  
Q/GD



Richard D. Pipkin  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Dustin B. Reed  
Corporal  
Troop C



Robert L. Schrage  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop C



William J. Brester  
Asst. Chief Technician  
Q/ICTD



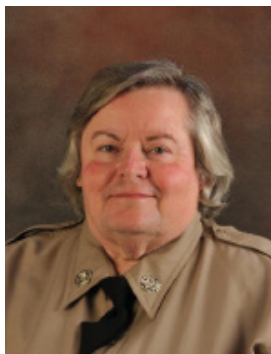
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Troop B



Tracy A. Hux  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop H



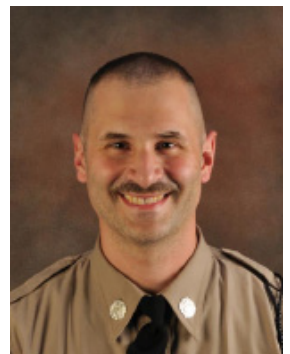
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Crim. Hist. Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Alma J. Breen  
DE II  
Troop F



Branden S. Coker  
CIT II  
Q/ICTD



Allen W. Cook  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop C

# Promotions



Kevin L. Creed  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Teresa L. Darrah  
Housekeeper II  
Troop A



Christopher M. Durham  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Jamie L. Eichholz  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C



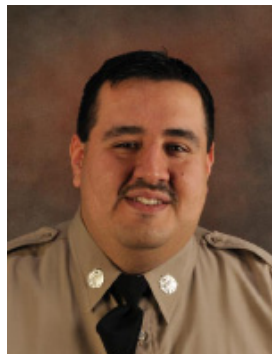
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Clerk Typist III  
Troop C



Sarah M. Ladyman  
MVI II  
Troop C



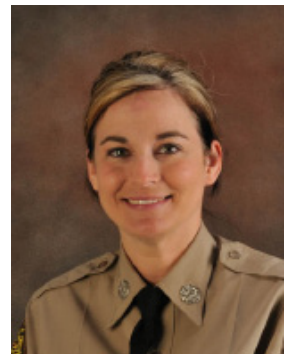
Jeanne V. Livers  
CITS II  
Q/ICTD



Lorenzo Marquez  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop C



Jeffrey M. Phillips  
DE II  
Troop C



Nicole A. Stratman  
DE II  
Troop I

## Summit Addresses Distracted Driving Dangers

*By PIED*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Missouri Department of Transportation hosted a Distracted Driving Summit on February 16-17, 2012, at the Capital Plaza Hotel, in Jefferson City. Eighty-one people attended. The summit highlighted issues related to distracted driving. As part of the summit, attendees divided into two groups (education and enforcement).

The education group developed a PowerPoint presentation about the effects of distracted driving. This presentation is being provided to all attendees. It is hoped the PowerPoint will aid them in educating Missouri citizens about distracted driving.

*The enforcement group attended training on the following:*

- Techniques for enforcing distracted driving laws;
- Developing local ordinances for distracted driving;
- New handheld cell phone ban law for commercial vehicles and buses;
- How to obtain Highway Safety grants for enforcement operations;
- How existing state laws apply to distracted driving; and
- The new Missouri crash report, including the proper recording of distracted/inattentive driving contributing circumstances.

# Survey Said ...

## Public Provides Feedback To MSHP

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

The results are in! The 2011 Missouri State Highway Patrol Public Opinion Survey gathered citizens' opinions about the agency and its employees, and their concerns about crime, being involved in traffic crashes, and public safety issues. A total of 481 individuals responded to the survey. A brief overview is below.

The majority of respondents (92 percent) indicated the Patrol was doing either an excellent or good job. Respondents said 94.9 percent felt the appearance, attitude, and demeanor of Patrol employees was excellent or good. In addition, respondents highly rated their competence.

Those answering the survey listed enforcing criminal laws (90.2 percent) as the most important Patrol duty. Detecting and deterring the flow of illegal drugs ranked second (81.1 percent), and traffic crash investigation came in third (77.4 percent). The survey asked respondents to rank a series of traffic laws aimed at reducing traffic crash deaths and injuries. Those who answered this question indicated enforcement of intoxicated driving laws was most important (90.1 percent). [The majority of respondents approved of law enforcement using sobriety checkpoints (90.2 percent).] This was followed by enforcing inattentive driving laws (85.0 percent) and enforcing aggressive driving laws (84.7 percent).

According to the survey, those areas needing improvement included enforcement of inattentive driving laws, hazardous driving violation laws, and aggressive driving laws. Respondents indicated not enough effort was given to these areas (51.7 percent, 32 percent, and 30.2 percent, respectively).

Respondents were slightly concerned about being victimized by crime while traveling on Missouri roadways (40.2 percent). Forty percent

were slightly concerned about crime in their residence or neighborhood. The greatest concern to respondents was related to being involved in a traffic crash (40.3 percent).

Respondents ranked 10 social issues facing America by their perceived order of importance. The survey indicated 57.1 percent perceived crime to be the most important issue facing the country. Problems relating to the economy were second with 41.5 percent. The third most important social issue was public education (34.1 percent).

When asked if they believed boating while intoxicated efforts deter alcohol-related boating accidents, 38.0 percent believed efforts to be effective. However, 46.9 percent of the re-

spondents did not feel knowledgeable enough to provide an opinion. When asked if they feel safe when engaged in activities on Missouri streams and rivers, 44.1 percent said they do. But, 49.5 percent said they do not engage in such activities.

Research and Development Division and the Information and Communications Technology Division personnel sent surveys to 3,000 Missourians age 18 and older. The survey respondents were individuals randomly selected from a database developed and maintained by USA Data. A total of 481 individuals responded to the 2011 Missouri State Highway Patrol Public Opinion Survey. For the complete report, visit the Patrol web site. The report is within the Statistical Analysis Center under publications.

## Troop A Honors Top 10



*Troop A recognized the following officers at its April sergeants' meeting. These officers were the top 10 in DWI enforcement in the Troop A area in 2011. Except where noted, the officers are assigned to Troop A. Captain Robert L. Powell is pictured with (l to r) Tpr. Joshua C. Utz (37), Tpr. Aaron S. Craig (49), Tpr. Alexander R. Vivas (68), Tpr. Chadwick S. Kutzner (68), Tpr. Brody R. Sanson (37), Tpr. Matthew J. Yoder (59), Tpr. Rickey I. McQuerrey (38), Tpr. David J. Kline (51), Tpr. Kyle W. Murphy (40), Q/GD, and Tpr. Karime T. McWilliams (43). Great work!*

# Annual Awards Banquet Honors 32 Employees

*By Public Info. Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Members of the Patrol, The MASTERS, and their guests gathered a April 14, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia to honor the heroes of 2011. The 330 people filled the room. Troop H's Chief Operator Roger M. Heard led Troop E's Color Guard down the center aisle, so they could present and later retire the colors. Trooper Kevin R. Waters, Troop D, sang the National Anthem in deep resonant tone.

Col. Ronald K. Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, shared the heart-breaking story of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., who died in the line of duty on August 1, 2011. He also showed a video taken at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C., in May 2011. A detail including command staff of the Patrol took part in a ceremony to lay a special wreath at the tomb.

The evening was a time to remember ... to celebrate ... and to honor 32 Patrol employees. The audience showed their deep respect to the Guthrie family, by giving them a standing ovation as they accepted a Memorial Award recognizing Tpr. Guthrie's ultimate sacrifice. Another poignant time for those present was the awarding of the Purple Heart to Sergeant Timothy D. Peters, Troop I. The audience gave a standing ovation of support to him and his family.

Following is a list of the 2011 award recipients. For a detailed explanation of the award recipient's actions, please visit the Patrol's website [www.mshp.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov) and select News Releases. The news release was posted on April 16, 2012.



*Col. Ron Replogle speaks at the awards banquet.*



*Capt. Ron Walker (left, rear), Q/FOB, holding the plaque for Cpl. Eddie J. Walker, and Col. Ron Replogle (right), holding the plaque for Sgt. Jeffrey B. Johnson, flank officers who accepted Lifesaving Awards for their actions at St. John's Regional Medical Center after the tornado in May 2011. Pictured (l to r) are: Tpr. Walter L. Burr III, Lt. David S. Sater holding Cpl. Jason R. Cornett's plaque, Tpr. Clinton S. Mason, Tpr. Arthur G. Torbeck, Cpl. Robert B. Byrnes Jr., and Cpl. Brandon D. Helms.*



*Troop H Chief Operator Roger M. Heard leading the Troop H Color Guard (Cpl. Jason N. Benjamin C. Jones, and Trooper Kevin R. Waters) forward at the end of the ceremony.*



Patrol Chaplain Pastor William F. Koch, Troop H, provided the invocation and benediction.



Roger Heard and the Troop E Color Guard (Sgt. Charles R. Colbert Jr., Cpl. Douglas M. McDaniel) come forward to retire the colors.

## *2011 Award Recipients*

### The MASTERS Public Service Award

Lieutenant Steve P. Davis, Troop I

### Memorial Award

Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., Troop A

### Lifesaving Awards

Clerk Typist II Lacey D. Loring, Troop G

Trooper Adam K. Buff, Troop D

Trooper Walter L. Burr, Troop D

Trooper Clinton S. Mason, Troop D

Trooper Arthur G. Torbeck, Troop D

Corporal Robert B. Byrnes, Troop D

Corporal Jason R. Cornett, Troop D

Corporal Brandon D. Helms, Troop D

Corporal Eddie J. Walker, Troop D

Sergeant Jeffrey B. Johnson, Troop D

Trooper Michael W. Coleman, Troop B

Trooper James P. Johnson, Troop B

Trooper Joseph D. Flynn, Troop C

Trooper Aaron K. Griffin, Troop H

Trooper Christopher D. Hamlett, Troop E

Trooper Johnathan R. Roberts, Troop G

Lieutenant Wayne E. Talburt, Troop G

Trooper Ivy A. Warren, Troop D

Trooper Leslie A. Wilson, Troop D

Corporal Robert E. Hoehn, Troop C

Corporal Kyle D. Wilmont, Troop I

### Meritorious Awards

Trooper Douglas E. Fessenden, Troop A

Corporal Ryan S. Smith, Troop A

Sergeant Mark D. DeGraffenreid, Troop A

Corporal Donald M. Hedrick, Troop I

Lieutenant Wayne E. Talburt, Troop G

### Civilian Of The Year

Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Steve D. Wilmesherr, Troop C

### Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year

Captain Duane L. Robinson, Troop H

### Valor Award

Trooper James C. Cooksey, Troop E

Corporal Reid T. Fessler, Troop B

### Purple Heart

Sergeant Timothy D. Peters, Troop I

# Anniversaries

## June

### 35 years

Sgt. David M. Markham, Troop E

### 30 years

Asst. Dir. Rhonda L. Czarnecki, Q/DED

### 20 years

CDL Exam. Diane L. Stark, Troop I

### 15 years

Crim. Hist. Tech. II Linda S. Linnenbrink, Q/CJISD  
Trainer/Auditor I Wendell L. Mitchell, Q/CJISD  
Clerk Typist III Tena M. Von-Thun, Troop B

### 10 years

Cpl. Michael E. Broniec, Troop C  
Clerk Typist III Peggy L. Brookshire, Troop I  
Crim. Hist. Tech. I Brenda M. Eickhorst, Q/CJISD  
Clerk Typist III Jennifer L. Hulse, Troop A  
Trainer/Auditor I Linda S. Lueckenhoff, Q/CJISD  
MVI III Terry G. Mebruer, Troop F  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Ruth E. Swisher, Q/DDCC

### 5 years

MVI II Ryan J. Ice, Troop F  
Clerk Typist III Michelle M. Kempker, Troop F  
Clerk Typist III Mildred K. Schulte, Troop F

## July

### 30 years

Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Nancy E. Lock, Troop H

Chief Operator Dennis M. McCarthy, Troop A  
CIT II Jerry L. Robinett, Q/ICTD

### 25 years

Sgt. Blaine L. Adams, Troop E  
Lt. Albert O. Brown, Troop D  
Sgt. Larry R. Clark, Troop E  
Tpr. Scott M. Cummings, Troop F  
Sgt. Robert M. Hayes, Q/GD  
Sgt. Bruce W. Houston, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Bruce M. Johnson, Q/AD  
Capt. Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C  
Cpl. Barry G. Matthews, Troop E  
Lt. Norman A. Murphy, Troop C  
Sgt. Timothy D. Peters, Troop I  
Sgt. Robert E. Proctor, Troop D  
Cpl. Daniel L. Ripperger, Q/GD  
Capt. Duane L. Robinson, Troop H  
Sgt. Thomas M. Scott, Q/GSD  
Lt. Elvin A. Seals, Troop C  
Sgt. Jeffrey L. Smith, Q/GD  
Capt. Juan O. Villanueva, Troop D  
Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD

### 15 years

Sgt. James A. Bennett, Q/GD  
Tpr. Maurice E. Benzie, Q/GD  
Cpl. Michael S. Bracker, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Charles N. Bradley, Troop A  
Sgt. Ryan A. Burckhardt, Troop C  
Tpr. Walter L. Burr III, Troop D  
Cpl. James D. Cox, Troop C  
Account Clerk III Ester L. Driskell, Troop A  
Cpl. Clinton M. Duppong, Troop B  
Cpl. Reid T. Fessler, Troop B  
Tpr. Mark L. Freeman, Troop G  
Cpl. Jason A. Green, Troop A  
Sgt. Bryan C. Gruben, Q/FOB  
Tpr. Aaron M. Harrison, Troop E  
Cpl. Danielle E. Heil, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Jon D. Hulse, Q/GD  
Tpr. Chad M. Hunter, Q/GD  
Tpr. Amanda J. Kahler, Troop D  
Stenographer III Vickie L. Kanatzar, Troop H

Tpr. Clinton S. Mason, Troop D  
Sgt. Jeffrey G. Noack, Q/AD  
Cpl. William E. Oliver, Q/GD  
Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D  
Cpl. Joseph A. Pithan Jr., Troop H  
Sgt. Martin T. Polodna, Troop D  
Cpl. Neil R. Poynter, Troop I  
Sgt. Scott R. Richardson, Q/FOB  
Sgt. Corey B. Root, Troop H  
Sgt. Christopher F. Scott, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Nathan J. Shinkle, Troop B  
Cpl. Thomas B. Ziegler, Troop H

### 10 years

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Margaret M. Allen, Q/CLD  
DE III Michelle D. Applegate, Troop E  
MVI Sprv. Stephen M. Conant, Troop H  
Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst II Cheryl A. Crocker, Q/ICTD  
Comm. Oper. II Jessica R. Dillon, Troop A  
DE III Raelene Estes, Troop A  
DE III Gaye L. Hargis, Troop A  
Prob. Comm. Oper. Misty R. Jeffries, Troop A  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Nancy A. Scheulen, Q/DDCC  
CITS I Matthew L. Soldan, Q/ICTD  
DE Sprv. Laura L. Van Tress, Troop B  
DE III Jennifer C. Ward, Troop E

### 5 years

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Mark D. Morff, Q/MED  
Clerk Typist III Bonnie L. Rogers, Troop E

# THE MASTERS CORNER

## **By Mrs. Elaine Libla, The MASTERS**

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, The MASTERS held its annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Directors elected to serve as officers for 2012-2013 include: Mr. Douglas Mitchell, president; Mrs. Lynn Wallis, vice president; retired Captain Jack Merritt, treasurer; and Mr. Ed Braschler, secretary. It was announced that retired Major Larry White, of St. Louis, had been elected to the board representing Troop C. He joins Troop C existing director Mr. Bill Ronecker.

Later in the evening, The MASTERS members, along with Patrol members and guests, enjoyed the banquet and Patrol awards ceremony. President Douglas Mitchell presented The MASTERS Public Service Award to Lieutenant Steve P. Davis, Troop I, for his outstanding dedication to community service.

This year, The MASTERS' board was very excited to have 11 new lifetime memberships to recognize. Awards were presented to:

- Mrs. Joyce Davenport, Butler  
(Her daughter and son-in-law,

*Lt. Steve P. Davis, Troop I, was honored to accept The MASTERS Public Service Award. He and his wife, Monica, are pictured after the banquet.*

Kristie and Lt. Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A, accepted the award on her behalf.)

- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Drury, Cape Girardeau
- Ret. Major & Mrs. Hugh McKay, Jefferson City
- Ret. Sgt. & Mrs. John Rhodus, St. Charles

New lifetime members recognized, but unable to attend the banquet included:

- Mr. Charles L. "Chuck" Drury, St. Louis
- Mr. & Mrs. Douglas R. Fabick, Fenton
- Mr. & Mrs. John A. Fabick IV, Fenton
- Mr. & Mrs. Danny Foster, Poplar Bluff
- Mr. Jay Luhr, Ste. Genevieve
- Mrs. Dave Sinclair, St. Louis
- Mr. & Mrs. Dave Spence, St. Louis



The MASTERS' board of directors extends a special thank you to those participating in the 2012 Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign by contributing through payroll deduction. Contributions committed through the campaign this year are in excess of \$12,000. This is a 50% increase over the 2011 donations. Thank you!

## Artist Illustrates Tpr. Doza's Heroism

### **By Troop F**

Congratulations to Trooper Donald L. Doza, Troop F! Artist Don Lomax chose Tpr. Doza as the subject of an illustration for *Police and Security News*. Entitled "Above and Beyond", the illustrations tell of heroic acts by law enforcement professionals. Selections are based on nominations. The illustration is in comic strip-like format. The depiction is then published in *Police and Security News* and the original published artwork sent to the individual being honored.

The January/February 2012 issue of *Police and Security News* honored Tpr. Doza for his heroic response at a traffic crash in 2010 on Interstate 70 in Cooper County. Tpr. Doza rescued the driver of a van as it caught fire and propane tanks on the trailer it was pulling exploded.

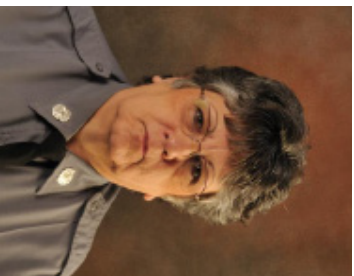
*Tpr. Donald Doza holds the Above & Beyond illustration showing his heroism during a traffic crash.*



# Retirements

## Telecom.

### Sandra K. Gray



On February 1, 2012, Telecommunicator Sandra K. "Sandy" Gray retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, after more than 16 years of service.

Sandy is a native of Sparks, KS, and is a graduate of Highland High School. Sandy began her career with the Patrol on December 1, 1995, as a telecommunicator assigned to Troop H. Sandy would spend her entire career with Troop H.

Sandy has two children, Heath and Tara. Heath is the owner of a Highland, KS, trucking company, and Tara is an attorney practicing law from her St. Joseph office. Sandy is also the proud grandmother of two grandchildren, Kelby and Morgan. Kelby is a sophomore at Missouri University of Science and Technology, at Rolla. Morgan will graduate this spring from high school and has already become a certified emergency medical technician.

Sandy said that her employment with the Patrol was not a job, but a career. She had worked with the public most of her life, so the position of telecommunicator was a perfect fit for her. Sandy says her largest challenge working the desk was satisfying demanding callers; the best reward was helping people in emergency situations.

Sandy said her immediate plans for retirement were to do nothing. That lasted three days, until her daughter Tara called and wanted Sandy to work part-time at her law office as a secretary.

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tary. She still finds time to enjoy her family, read, and travel.

All of the Troop H employees wish Sandy the very best in her retirement. Good luck, Sandy!

## CITS II Linda K. Amos



On March 1, 2012, Computer Information Technology Specialist II Linda K. Amos retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol with 31 years and two months of dedicated service. Linda began her career in the Information Systems Division (ISD) as a programmer on October 1, 1980. She has supported the coding of many Patrol computer systems including cost accounting, finance, property control (evidence inventory), system documentation, radio log, traffic accidents, and function points.

When Linda was first hired, computer code was written out by hand on paper before being sent to keypunch operators and transferred to cards. Programmers then fed those cards into the Patrol's mainframe. Yes, there was only one big computer then and it had to be water-cooled. Linda tells us that the programmers worked at open desks in the bullpen and they had to share both terminals and telephones. For the last 12 years, Linda has worked on analysis, design, implementation, and support of the state's criminal history system.

Linda earned an associate's of arts degree from Lincoln University. Before

starting at the Patrol, she worked for seven years at the Community Bank of Russellville. She and her husband, Duane, own a cattle farm in the Russellville area. They have two daughters, Adell and Katie, and two granddaughters, Katie lives in Oakland, CA. Adell and her husband, Brian Killingsworth, live in Eugene, OR, with three-year-old Ella. Her granddaughter Jordan Larson is in her third year at the University of Chicago.

Linda and Duane will celebrate 40 years of marriage on June 17, 2012. They have lived in the Russellville area for 36 years, but maintain residence in the country surrounding Jefferson City. Linda is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Russellville. She enjoys Missouri Tigers basketball and antiques. She hopes to expand her business buying and selling antiques over the next few years. She also enjoys traveling, and plans to travel a lot more to Oregon and California now that she is retired. But, luckily, we won't have to lose her expertise. Linda returned as a part-time employee in the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICTD) on March 21, 2012. Her desk is almost in the same spot now as when she started more than 31 years ago.

Best wishes for continued health and happiness from your Patrol family upon your retirement.

## June

- June 12** • **Tpr. W.R. Brandt** died in 1970.
- June 13** • **Tpr. D.H. Marriott** died in 1981.
- June 14** • **Sgt. B.O. Booth** died in 1933.
- June 14** • **Flag Day.**

# Retirements

## Garage Supt. Gerald C. Andres



On April 1, 2012, Garage Superintendent Gerald C. "Gerry" Andres retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 26 years of service.

Gerry started his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on October 7, 1985, as an Automotive Serviceman I in the Motor Equipment Division at the GHQ Garage. On June 1, 1986, Gerry was promoted to Automotive

Serviceman II. On January 1, 1987, Gerry was reclassified as an Automotive Technician I. On January 1, 1989, Gerry was promoted to an Automotive Technician II. On July 1, 1992, Gerry was promoted to an Automotive Technician III. On September 1, 1994, Gerry was promoted to an Automotive Technician Supervisor. On September 1, 1996, Gerry was promoted to an Assistant Garage Superintendent. He was promoted to Garage Superintendent on February 1, 1997. It is from this position that Gerry is retiring.

During his career, Gerry traveled with retired Captain Bill Turner and retired Automotive Technician Sam Brizendine to the California State Highway Patrol in Sacramento and the Arizona Highway Patrol in Phoenix to research their rollover simulators. Sam Brizendine and Gerry built the Patrol's first rollover simulator in 1990, and many more followed. For several years, Gerry was assigned to the Michigan State Police annual patrol vehicle testing. Gerry assisted with the build-up of the K-9 cars and attended many Missouri State Fair details during his career.

Gerry has a couple of memorable Patrol experiences. The first was in

1990, when he was involved in building cars for use on the EVOC track. Another one was when he started the Patrol's body shop, which gave the Patrol control over the cost and quality of repairs to Patrol vehicles. This has saved the state of Missouri money.

Gerry grew up on a farm in Mary's Home, MO, and he attended Cole R-V High School in Eugene, MO. After high school, he attended Lincoln University for one year. Prior to becoming an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Gerry worked at MoDOT from 1972 to 1975 and Magic Glass Inc. (an auto body and auto glass business) from 1975 to 1985. He served as general manager of Magic Glass Inc. for the last seven years.

Gerry is married to Glenda (Reinkemeyer) Andres and has two grown children: a son, Nicholas Andres, who is married to Sarah, and a daughter, Jessica Andres. All three live in Jefferson City, MO. In his spare time, Gerry enjoys drag racing, restoring old cars, traveling, and mechanic work.

All of us in the Motor Equipment Division wish Gerry the very best in his retirement.

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## MSHP Retirees Invited To Luncheon

A special welcome is extended to all Patrol retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and guests! Please join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012, at the First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. (Lunch will be served at 12 p.m.) We will enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. (Door prizes are appreciated.) Our emcee for the event is retired Sergeant Fred "The Voice" Suroff. The cost is \$11 per person; checks should be made payable to Fount Foushee.

*Your hosts for the day are:*

- Ruby Williams, 120 SE Ridgeview Court, Lee's Summit, MO 64063; 816-524-7626 or 816-806-8566.
- Fount Foushee, 7910 East 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Belton, MO 64012; 816-331-1994; e-mail: wff7910@aol.com.
- Betty Kerrick, 33004 Murphy School Road, Grain Valley, MO 64029; 816-650-5906.
- Fred M. Mills, 3401 So. Dominion Drive, Independence, MO 64055; 816-350-3806 or 816-896-0617; e-mail: fmmcall-home@comcast.net.

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### RESERVATION SLIP

*Please Return By August 10, 2012*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail checks to: Fount Foushee, 7910 East 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Belton, MO 64012**

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Glenda L. Hager**  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C

*Retired January 1, 2012.  
17 years and three months of dedicated  
service.*

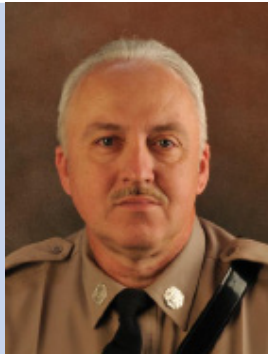


**Michael L. Porter**  
Sergeant  
Troop C

*Retired January 1, 2012.  
26 years of dedicated service.*

**John D. Hudson**  
Commercial Vehicle  
Officer II  
Troop G

*Retired February 1, 2012.  
31 years, eight months of  
dedicated service.*



**John L. Bishop**  
Trooper  
Troop D

*Retired March 1, 2012.  
25 years and seven months of dedi-  
cated service.*



**Jennifer L.  
Moeller**  
Food Service Helper II  
Q/TND

*Retired March 1, 2012.  
Five years of dedicated service.*

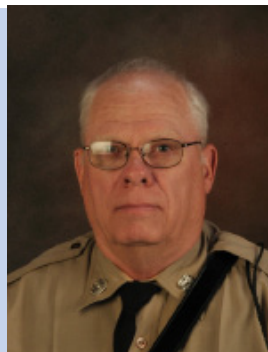


**Patricia J.  
Herigon**  
Cook III  
Q/TND

*Retired April 1, 2012.  
Eight years of dedicated service.*

**Kenneth B. Barent**  
Commercial Vehicle  
Officer II  
Troop D

*Retired May 1, 2012.  
Nine years of dedicated service.*



## *July*

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July 4

- Independence Day.

July 13

- Tpr. J.N. Greim died in 1945.

# Retiree Spotlight

## Jimmie R. Winder

**Appointed:** June 15, 1969.

**Assignments:** Commercial Vehicle Inspector, Troop C, Post C4, St. Peters, MO; Motor Vehicle Inspector, Troop E, Poplar Bluff.

**Retired:** June 1, 2000 — Chief Motor Vehicle Inspector, Troop E.

**Family:** Jim is married to Jeanette (Wilkerson). They have two sons: David is the sports information director at Murray State University in KY. Mark is a corporal assigned to Troop E, Zone 5, Jackson. Jim and Jeanette are also proud of their four grandchildren: Megan, Matthew, Jacqueline, and Blaise.

Jim was born in Bay, AR. He graduated from Poplar Bluff High School in 1958. He then served four years with the United States Marine Corps and 23 1/2 years in the Missouri Army National Guard. He retired from the National Guard in 1999, as a 1st sergeant.

Life hasn't slowed down much for Jim. Since retirement, he has kept busy as a member of the Marine Corps League and in his woodworking shop.

He says he and his buddies stay busy as a military honors team for military funerals. "We are former Marines; all of us were active duty at one time. It's a national organization, and we are the Southeast Missouri detachment."

Within the league are a military honors team, color guard, and silent drill team (for parades). "I'm the commander of the military honors team.



(l to r) 1st year: Cpl. Leonard Spicer and Cpl. Jim Winder stand near toys gathered for the detachment's first Toys For Tots campaign in 2001.

The detachment honors team is certified through the National Guard. The funeral director calls when military honors are needed," said Jim. "The rule is the branch of service must provide two uniform people to fold and present the flag. The honors team provides the firing and "Taps". If, for some reason, the branch of service cannot send two people, then the honors team will conduct the service."

"I enjoy doing it, and the camaraderie." The group meets in The Barracks, a meeting place they painted to resemble dress blues. Jim says there are seven or eight detachments like theirs in Missouri.

Their detachment is named after a Marine killed in World War II: Cpl. Mason O. Yarborough Detachment 1081. The group heard about him when Yarborough's remains were repatriated from Makin Island in 1999. Yarborough was with Carson's Raiders. After he and 18 others were killed on Makin Island, the commander paid the island natives

to bury the men to keep the bodies from the Japanese. The remains of those men were located in 1999. Eighteen of them were taken to the

Cpl. Jim Winder and Cpl. Chesty the bulldog are all decked out for the Marine Corps Ball in 2008.

national cemetery in Arlington, VA. But the Yarborough family wanted Mason brought to Sikeston, MO.

"At that time, the reserve unit from St. Louis performed military honors for his burial," explained Jim. "After hearing the story, we asked his sisters and brother in Sikeston if they minded if we named our detachment after him."

Jim said the detachment also keeps busy with Toys For Tots every November and December. "There's no Marine Corps Reserves close enough, so our detachment does it. We're certified to be a local community organization. In 2011, we collected enough toys to give to 714 families (over 1,700 children)."

The group also works at a food stand at Bingo World two nights a week. When he's not busy with the honors team or working the food stand, Jim's in his woodworking shop. He's made bat racks for the little league field, and 12 cubicles for their batting helmets. He says it keeps things straightened up a bit, and they aren't stumbling over them.

Thank you, Jim, for your continued service to your community!

*The Cpl. Mason O. Yarborough Detachment 1081's military honors team is certified by the Missouri National Guard. They provided military honors for 101 funerals in 2011.*



# *Honoring Their Sacrifice*

## Missouri's Heroes Remembered During Ceremony

On May 5, dignitaries, co-workers, and friends joined family members at the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial to honor officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It was a day to show support and compassion to these families, who have lost so much. At this year's ceremony, the names of seven Missouri officers who died in the line of duty in 2011 and two who died prior to that year were added to the memorial. Members of the Patrol took part in the ceremony as escorts and provided a 21-gun salute.



*Sgt. Kevin C. Kelley, Q/CVE, carries the Missouri State Highway Patrol memorial wreath during Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony.*



*Patrol escorts assist Mrs. Georgina Schuengel, mother of Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel (kod 10-15-2010), as she places her flower.*



*Miss Amber Guthrie places a flower in the wreath in memory of her father, Tpr. Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. (kod 8-1-2011).*



*Members of the Troop F Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute during Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial.*

# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of March 1, 2012 to April 25, 2012. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Cpl. C.M. Clair, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.L. Daniel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 5 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. Givens Sr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 6 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 3 arrests  
Cpl. E.J. Keim, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.C. Kissinger, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.S. Kutzner, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Lange, 7 arrests  
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 5 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 6 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 2 arrests  
Sgt. T.T. Pitts, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Sanson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Schmutzler, 5 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Sullivan, 8 arrests  
Cpl. C.A. Taibi, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.E. Utterback, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 8 arrests  
Tpr. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Wood, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.R. Fenton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.B. Grubaugh, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.M. Hoover, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T. Mobley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.D. Shoop, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Walker, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Cpl. L.G. Amighetti Jr., 1 arrest

Tpr. N.D. Bengston, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.L. Brown, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.V. Buchheit, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 4 arrests  
Cpl. T.S. Croft, 3 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Lindgren, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.L. Woods, 2 arrests

## **Troop D**

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J. Drum, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Linegar, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Scotten, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.J. Stevens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 2 arrests

## **Troop E**

Tpr. C.B. Christian, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Cooksey Jr., 5 arrests  
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 3 arrests

## **Troop F**

Sgt. W.V. Ahrens, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.P. Jacobson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 4 arrests  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 5 arrests  
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 6 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Powell, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.D. Stegeman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 4 arrests

Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 2 arrests  
Sgt. T.R. Tinnin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 2 arrests  
Cpl. G.D. Ward, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 2 arrests

## **Troop G**

Tpr. M.C. Downey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Foster, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.V. Garrison, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 6 arrests  
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.A. Richardson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 3 arrests  
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.E. Young, 1 arrest

## **Troop H**

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 1 arrest  
Cpl. H.B. Cowan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.S. Gates, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 6 arrests  
Cpl. J.S. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. P.M. Kimball, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 5 arrests

## **Troop I**

Tpr. D. Blankenship, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.A. DuBois, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Peart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Stewart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 1 arrest

## **Gaming**

Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 3 arrests

# Deaths

## Charles W. Malaney



Charles W. Malaney, 68, of Springfield, MO, died on Monday, January 30, 2012, at home. He was retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a field engineer with 33 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Sabra; two daughters, Dawna Barnhart and Carmen Wieher; five grandchildren, Adam, Paige, Camille, Jacob, and Josie; and his sister, Margo Bender.

A celebration of his life took place on February 2, 2012, at Walnut Lawn Funeral Home.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Malaney family.

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"If you have integrity,  
nothing else matters.  
If you don't have  
integrity, nothing  
else matters."

—Alan K. Simpson

## Carnie F. Stone



Carnie Frank Stone, 85, of Jefferson City, died on Sunday, March 4, 2012, at Oak Tree Villas, in Jefferson City. He was born November 5, 1926, in Willow Springs, MO. Carnie was united in marriage to Louella Huddleston, who survives at their home.

Carnie served in the United States Navy during World War II. In 1949, Carnie joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a trooper. He served in Troop D after recruit training, and was the first trooper to live in Mt. Vernon and Marshfield, MO. In 1954, he transferred to General Headquarters and was assigned to the Finance and Supply Division. In 1974, he became director of that division. Carnie was promoted to major five years later and would serve as chief of staff services and commander of the Administrative Services Bureau. He retired at the rank of major after 37 years of dedicated service in 1986.

He was a 50-year member of the Masons and enjoyed going to auctions and estate sales.

Other survivors include one son, Ed Stone, of Miami, OK; one granddaughter, Jodi Stone, of Miami, OK; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Johnny Stone.

Private family graveside services took place on March 7, 2012, in Springfield, MO.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Stone family.

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## Eugene H. "Gene" Vogel



Eugene H. "Gene" Vogel, 75, of Gladstone, MO, died on March 5, 2012. A mass for Gene took place on March 12, 2012, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, in Gladstone.

Gene was born October 10, 1936, in Slater, MO, the son of the late Anton Vogel and Cecilia Eichholz. He graduated from Slater High School in 1956, and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Gene followed true to the saying: "Once a marine always a marine." In 1960, he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner. He retired as a driver examiner supervisor 1998.

On July 6, 1963, Gene married Fern Bacon in Marshall, MO. They made their home in Gladstone for the past 48 years.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Edward and Clarence Vogel. Survivors include his wife, Fern, their cat, Kitty, and many friends and family.

The family suggests memorials be sent to NorthCare Hospice, 2700 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City,

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MO 64116, or Gladstone Animal Shelter, 3960 NE 76th Street, Gladstone, MO 64119.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Vogel family.

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## Herbert J. Hoffmann



Herbert Junior "Herb" Hoffmann, 75, died on March 5, 2012, at his home in Rolla, MO. Herb was born January 30, 1937, in Dixon, MO, to Herbert and Golda Hoffmann.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1955-1959. Herb was a former Springfield, MO, police officer. He retired as a sergeant from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, serving from 1962-1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Ruth Hauck.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda, of Rolla; three sisters, Lola Brown, of Springfield, Inez Hauck, of Dixon, and Shirley Murphy, of Searcy, AR; a son, Charles Hoffmann (and his wife, Jan), of Republic, MO; two daughters, Shelia Mathis, of Maggie Valley, NC, and Melissa Hoffmann, of Rolla; four grandchildren, Tara Thompson, Justin Hoffmann, Chase Hoffmann, and Carly Hoffmann, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Herb attended the Rolla Church of Christ where he was a member for

over 40 years. Herb was well loved and will be missed by all.

A memorial service for Herb took place on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the Rolla Church of Christ in Rolla, MO. James & Gahr Mortuary of Rolla handled the arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice Foundation, 575A Blues Lake Parkway, Rolla, MO 65401.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hoffmann family.

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## James D. Gregory



Mr. James D. Gregory, 77, of Willow Springs, MO, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 18. He was born on November 12, 1934, to Gerald and Edna (Trowbridge) Gregory in Trask, MO. On June 19, 1955, he married Carolyn Jean Cox in Willow Springs. To this union, four children were born: Donald, Gerald, Bradford, and Brian. From this came 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

James retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle enforcement supervisor after 31 years of service.

James was a member of the First Church of God, where he and his family were known for their love of

singing. Over the years, James served as a board member, music and song director, Sunday school teacher, and secretary.

James loved taking his family on camping trips all throughout the state of Missouri. He was also known for his love and talent as a woodworker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant sister, and two brothers, Herbert and Marvin.

James is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Carolyn Gregory, of Willow Springs; four sons, Donald Gregory (and his wife, Beverly), of West Plains, Gerald Gregory (and his wife, Brenda), of Willow Springs, Bradford Gregory (and his wife, Becky), of Hannibal, MO, and Brian Gregory (and his wife, Darla), of Rogersville, MO. Also surviving him are his 13 grandchildren: Jason Gregory (and his wife, Sherrie), Matt Gregory (and his wife, Laura), Brandi Montgomery (and her husband, Greg), all of West Plains, Justin "Skeeter" Gregory (and his wife, Jeanette), of Kodiak, AK, "J.V." Gregory, of West Plains; Corrie Gregory, of Hannibal, Allyssa Winans (and her husband, Cole), of Broomfield, CO; Cody Gregory, of Columbia, MO, Taylor Gregory, of Rogersville, MO, Kylee Gregory, of Modesto, CA, Chris Gregory, of Bolivar, MO, and Cole Gregory and Lucas Gregory, both of Rogersville; his eight great-grandchildren: Emily, Noah, Gavin, Landon, Tyler, Christian, Ryan, and Ellie. Further surviving are his two sisters: Juanita and Geraldine; his five brothers: Jack, Larry, Kenny, Ivan, and Mike; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family attended a funeral service on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the First Church of God, in West Plains. Willow Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Gregory family.

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# Deaths

## Howard John Lewis Hoffman



Howard John Lewis Hoffman, 83, of Columbia, formerly of Jefferson City, died on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012, at The Neighborhoods by Tiger Place. Howard was born on July 29, 1928, in Wellington, MO, the son of Oscar and Edna Hoffman.

Howard married Elmira Kronshage on October 10, 1946. They lived on a farm in Bates City, MO, until moving to Columbia, when he began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Howard was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on September 18, 1955. He worked in Columbia, Jeffer-

son City, and Springfield during his career. He also attended special training at the FBI National Academy.

Howard was promoted through the ranks of the Patrol, eventually returning to Jefferson City, where he was promoted to colonel and named superintendent in 1982. Howard was known and respected nationally and internationally for his efforts to promote safety and security for the people he served. He was instrumental in establishing drug and alcohol education programs and strived to advance technology to better the Patrol for the future. Howard retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1988.

During his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at his cabin at the Lake of the Ozarks. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and early morning coffee with friends. Later in his retirement, he volunteered at Capital Region Medical Center. Howard and Elmira moved to The Terrace in December 2010, where they made many new friends and, "Did I mention the food?"

Howard was preceded in death by his wife, Elmira, on October 19, 2011, after 65 years of marriage. Howard and

Elmira were blessed with and are survived by three children: Jim Hoffman (and his wife, Sharon), of Columbia, Janelle Patterson (and her husband, Lowell), of Columbia, and John Hoffman (and his wife, Christina), of Austin, Texas; and three beloved grandchildren, Sarah Hoffman, of Columbia, and Ellen Hoffman and Thomas Hoffman, of Austin, Texas. In addition, Howard is survived by two sisters: Loydine Kranz, of Kansas City, and Carol Braksick, of Portage, MI; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

He is joining his wife, Elmira; his parents; and sister, Marilyn Haase, in Heaven. Funeral services were held at St. Paul Church in Napoleon, on Wednesday, April 11. The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to St. Paul Church, 205 Hill St., Napoleon, MO 64074; or to the charity of one's choice, in care of Kolkmeier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 315, Wellington, MO 64097.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hoffman family.

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## Student Safety: A Top Priority

*By MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI*

Each year, the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Motor Vehicle Inspection Division inspects every school bus in the state. Between February 2 and April 30, 2012, a total of 11,934 school buses were inspected. Missouri's 2012 statewide approval rating was 88.3%, compared to 87.7% in 2011. A total of 256 Missouri school districts will be awarded the distinction of Total Fleet Excellence for approval ratings of 90% or higher with no buses placed out-of-service.

The 2012 statewide results are as follows:

- 10,538 buses received approval upon initial inspection. During the annual school bus program, buses found to be free of defective items are rated as "approved".
- 1,157 buses were deemed defective upon initial inspection. Buses with one or more minor defective items, yet deemed safe for the transport of students, are rated as "defective".
- 239 buses were placed out-of-

service upon initial inspection. Buses with one or more major defective items are deemed to be unsafe for the transport of students and are rated as "out-of-service" by inspection personnel.

The working relationship among the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, Missouri's school districts, and contracting companies is key to the success of this program. The increase in this year's approval rating is a clear indicator that Missouri's pupil transportation professionals continue to strive to make student safety a top priority. The annual school bus inspection program ensures that Missouri's school buses are among the safest in the nation.

# Remembering Colonel Howard J.L. Hoffman

"When he visited the troops, he was the only colonel I remember who would walk around the office building and greet each employee at their work station. He was a good man and will be missed." — *Retired Clerk IV Genie M. Allen.*

"Colonel Hoffman was a good man. He was named colonel at a time when the Patrol was experiencing tumultuous times, and he was a calming influence for the officers. I always thought he was very down-to-earth and could make people feel at ease." — *Retired Sergeant Earl J. Heckel*

"On June 7, 1983, I was summoned to Colonel Hoffman's office for a meeting. He asked if I wanted to transfer from Columbia to General Headquarters as the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action/recruiting officer. I promptly replied, 'No.' I liked working the road. His reply was, 'Well, you are coming. It is up to you if you come kicking and screaming, or come peacefully, but you are coming.'

I will always be appreciative of him, because he saw ability in me that I had not recognized. I believe that the accomplishments of my career were due to this transfer. Over the years we laughed about that day many times. He was a gentle and quiet spoken man with a big heart for people and the Patrol. I will ever be grateful to him." — *Retired DPS Director Charles R. Jackson*

"Colonel Hoffman stands out from all the others who made it to that position, as being a caring, understanding man, who stood for what was right. Even though he may have been limited as far as what he could do against wrong, I'll be forever grateful to him for his stand for the right. There is no doubt in my mind that he was the best colonel I was ever privileged to serve under." — *Retired Sergeant A.J. Stricker*

"I just want to say how much I respected the man ... and his family. When he was captain of Troop D,

Springfield, I was promoted to the rank of corporal. He, his wife, and his son, John, attended my graduation from Northwestern University's Traffic Institute in June 1977, in Evanston, IL. Captain Hoffman was sent to represent Col. Al Lubker at the ceremony. The King Tut exhibit from Egypt was in Chicago at the time, and we all attended the exhibit. They were very friendly and personable folks.

Over the years during his career, I was fortunate to have interacted with him during different assignments. It always was a positive experience. He most definitely was an asset to our organization. We who knew him will most certainly miss him. Thank you, Colonel Hoffman, for your professional, unselfish, and friendly demeanor, and for leaving us with a legacy everyone should be proud of. You did make a difference, and we thank you, sir." — *Retired Lieutenant Colonel James R. Brooks*

"When Colonel Hoffman was troop commander at Troop D, the following occurred: Then-Captain Hoffman called me into his office. He said, 'Trooper Tandy, I appreciate you giving me, your fellow troopers, and the local news media the baseball scores and standings of the Saint Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Royals every morning on your two-way radio. You probably did not ascertain that I come 10-41 very early and go 10-42 late. Do you think you could cease your giving all the sports scores on the Patrol radio? Also, I have heard you give everyone the weather forecast, too. Do I make myself clear?' I politely replied, 'Perfectly clear, captain.'" — *Retired Corporal W.R. Tandy*

"One day a few weeks after his retirement, I ran into Colonel Hoffman on the parking lot at GHQ. During the course of our conversation, he asked if I knew of any problems or concerns that may have come up since his departure. I made him aware of a couple of things that were causing a little grief in some quarters. He looked up thoughtfully and then said in his unique draw,

'Well ... I just don't think I'll worry about it.' Anyone who was around the colonel for any length of time will appreciate that response. He will be missed." — *Retired Lt. Roy Herren*

"Howard Hoffman served *with me* and as my lieutenant when I was the troop commander at Troop F. He again served *with me* when we were both majors at General Headquarters. (I retired before he was appointed superintendent.) Howard was extremely capable in every position he ever held. He was a perfect gentleman and always the ultimate example of what the Missouri Highway Patrol represents." — *Retired Major F.A. "Bud" Jones*

"Howard was so loved at Capital Region Medical Center. He always was so kind and caring to our patients, families, staff, and to me. Howard would inspire others to keep on fighting. About five years ago, we had a community education program on strokes. For the first time, Howard spoke publicly about his own stroke. He made such an impact. He would visit our stroke patients in the Rehabilitation Department.

The staff was always thrilled when he came in, because they knew he could make a difference in the patients' lives. On the wall in our Rehabilitation Department, you will find a picture frame filled with wonderful pictures of Howard volunteering on the unit. We have a teen program during the summer. Howard also had a way with communicating to our teens. They would confide in him and they would listen to his advice.

It was a sad day for many of us when Howard and the love of his life, Elmira, moved to Columbia. We knew it was in their best interest, but selfishly, we wanted Howard here. Whenever we saw him on the TV commercial taking a big bite out of the sandwich, we would all smile and know he was now making a difference in Columbia." — *With the fondest of memories, Senior & Volunteer Services Manager Valerie Weber, Capital Region Medical Center*

# The Mourner's Bill Of Rights

By Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

Thought you should reach out to others as you do the work of mourner, you should not feel obligated to accept the unhelpful responses you may receive from some people. You are the one who is grieving, and as such, you have certain "rights" no one should try to take away from you. The following list is intended both to empower you to heal and to decide how others can and cannot help. This is not to discourage you from reaching out to others for help, but rather to assist you in distinguishing useful responses from hurtful ones.

**1. You have the right to experience your own unique grief.** No one else will grieve in exactly the same way you do. So, when you turn to others for help, don't allow

them to tell you what you should or should not be feeling.

**2. You have the right to talk about your grief.** Talking about your grief will help you heal. Seek out others who will allow you to talk as much as you want, as often as you want, about your grief. If at times you don't feel like talking, you also have the right to be silent.

**3. You have the right to feel a multitude of emotions.** Confusion, disorientation, fear, guilt, and relief are just a few of the emotions you might feel as part of your grief journey. Others may try to tell you that feeling angry, for example, is wrong. Don't take these judgmental responses to heart. Instead, find listeners who will accept your feelings without condition.

**4. You have the right to be tolerant of your physical and emotional limits.** Your feelings of loss and sadness will probably leave you feeling fatigued. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. Get daily rest. Eat balanced meals. Don't allow others to push you into doing things you don't feel ready to do.

**5. You have the right to experience "griefbursts".** Sometimes, out of nowhere, a powerful surge of grief may overcome you. This can be frightening, but is normal and natural. Find someone who understands and will let you talk it out.

**6. You have the right to make use of ritual.** The funeral ritual does more than acknowledge the death of someone loved. It helps provide you with the support of caring people. More importantly, the funeral

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Com. Oper. III Pennie S. Weisacosky (I) - mother  
Sgt. Jason C. Weisacosky (Q/DDCC) - mother-in-law  
Ret. Tpr. Edward E. Dingman - step-mother  
Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. Carl B. Collet - mother-in-law  
DE III Katie A. Ishmael (H) - grandmother  
Ret. CVO II Steven A. Bryant - father  
Tpr. Ralicia A. Feuerborn (I) - mother  
DE III Myra J. Ripple (D) - sister  
Ret. Clerk Typist III Marcia A. Meadows - niece  
Ret. Chief CVO David M. Barnhart - mother-in-law  
Ret. Lt. Greg A. Hug - mother-in-law, father-in-law  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Erin C. Hug (MIAC) - grandmother, grandfather  
Sgt. Gilbert L. Rodenberg (Q/GD) - mother  
Sgt. Norman E. Rodenberg (A) - mother

CVI I Andrew L. Rodenberg (A) - grandmother  
DE III Donna S. Henman (H) - father  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Ryan M. Henman (H) - father-in-law  
Ret. Lt. Don E. Richardson - brother  
CVO II Kyndal L. Gordon (B) - mother-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Lawrence D. Long - brother-in-law  
Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED) - uncle  
DE II Tyler W. Mathis (I) - grandfather-in-law  
Tpr. Cory W. Bradshaw (A) - grandmother  
Tpr. Michael D. Adams (D) - father  
Sgt. Roger L. Renken (Q/DDCC) - mother  
Lt. Ricky D. Herndon (Q/PSD) - aunt  
Asst. Chief Oper. Lindsay M. Williams (F) - grandmother  
Ret. Lt. Wallace D. Stephens - mother  
Sgt. Craig R. Kicker (F) - father  
Lt. Bruce D. Fiske (I) - mother

Comm. Oper. II Jessica R. Dillon (A) - grandmother  
DE II Christina M. Royster (A) - mother  
DE III Nancy M. Brown (B) - mother  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Tracy L. Lehman (Q/DDCC) - mother-in-law  
CVO II Bradford R. Gregory (B) - father  
CDL Examiner Gerald L. Gregory (G) - father  
CVO II Jason L. Gregory (G) - grandfather  
Comm. Oper. II Lalah M. Gregory (G) - uncle  
DE Sprv. Katie L. Hoover (D) - mother  
Cpl. Brian L. Thompson (G) - sister  
Sgt. Jerry L. Arnold (F) - father  
MVI III Regina C. Brown (C) - mother  
Tpr. Daniel D. Wohler (A) - grandfather  
Capt. Juan O. Villanueva (D) - mother-in-law

## – Rights

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is a way for you to mourn. If others tell you the funeral or other healing rituals such as these are silly or unnecessary, don't listen.

**7. You have the right to embrace your spirituality.** If faith is a part of your life, express it in ways that seem appropriate to you. Allow yourself to be around people who understand and support your religious beliefs. If you feel angry at God, find someone to talk with who won't be critical of your feelings of hurt and abandonment.

**8. You have the right to search for meaning.** You may find yourself asking, "Why did he or she die? Why this way? Why now?" Some of your questions may have answers, but some may not. And, watch out for the clichéd responses some people may give you. Comments like, "It was God's will" or "Think of what you have to be thankful for" are not helpful and you do not have to accept them.

**9. You have the right to treasure your memories.** Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of someone loved. You will always remember. Instead of ignoring your memories, find others with whom you can share them.

**10. You have the right to move toward your grief and heal.** Reconciling your grief will not happen quickly. Remember, grief is a process, not an event. Be patient and tolerant with yourself and avoid people who are impatient and intolerant with you. Neither you nor those around you must forget that the death of someone you loved changes your life forever.

## ~ Thank You ~

I would like to extend our thanks to all who made expressions of sympathy upon the loss of our dear mother, Christina Wilson. It especially meant a lot to me for Lt. Brian Anderson to stop by the visitation. It's good to know the Patrol still cares

*Retired Sgt. Joe Wilson*

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards, and e-mails during my illness. Although this has been a very difficult time for me, my wife, and family, the support of good friends helped tremendously. I personally experienced the power of prayer. I'm very fortunate to have had so many praying for me. Although I still have a ways to go in the total healing process, the prognosis for the future looks very positive.

God bless you all,  
*Retired Capt. Vincent J. Ellis*

We would like to thank everyone in our Patrol family for their kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards, food, donations to memorials, and attendance at my father's celebration of life. We also want to thank the ones who relayed Ryan back to Troop H so quickly from Jefferson City. Knowing that others care makes difficult times like this a little easier.

Thanks again,  
*Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Ryan M. & DE III Donna S. Henman, Troop H, & the David Ruff family*

My family and I would like to thank my Patrol family for all their thoughtful cards and prayers during the passing of my grandmother. Your

condolences meant a lot to us. Thank you,

*DE III Katie A. Ishmael  
Troop H*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Patrol family who sent cards and prayers after the death of my brother, Joe Phillip, in January. Your messages of faith were greatly appreciated by myself and my family during that difficult time.

*DE Sprv. Margaret M. Willm  
Troop C*

On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics biscuits & gravy fundraiser. We had a total profit of \$631. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work. Also, thanks to Betty and the Academy personnel who helped order supplies, prepared the food, and made sure we had everything necessary to serve the food.

Thanks,  
*Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED*

My family and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, memorial donations, and outpouring of support shown following the death of my mother, Bonnie Dingman. My family continues to be impressed by the kindness shown by the Patrol family. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

May God bless each of you.

*Comm. Oper. III Pennie S.  
Weisacosky, Troop I*

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## Troop B Hosts Successful Alliance Program

*By Sergeant Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On Saturday, March 17, 2012, and Saturday, March 24, 2012, Troop B conducted its 2nd Student Alliance Program. Twenty-six Troop B area high school students, representing 14 high schools, completed the program held at the Troop B Headquarters. During the two-day program, students learned about the many duties performed by a Missouri state trooper, and participated in hands-on experiences, such as shooting a Glock pistol, stop and approach, crime scene investigations, and observing a polygraph demonstration. The program, which targeted high school juniors and seniors, provided an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about law enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Troop B presented each participant with a certificate of completion and a Missouri State Highway Patrol shirt.



*Students attending Troop B's Student Alliance Program included: Jessica Berry, of Bevier; Tagan Brookhart, of Atlanta; Brandon Clema, of Macon; Battulya (Tully) Ogtontsetseg Cook, of Higbee; Charla Golden, of Edina; Matthew Jacobs, of Sturgeon; Jacob Klingsmith, of Macon; Cody Lolli, of Macon; Alexandria Martin, of Bevier; Kaleb Mosley, of Macon; Coty Meredith, of Kirksville; John Newland, of Kirksville; Jonathan Novinger, of Novinger; Paxton Pittman, of Bevier; Bradley Trey Ream, of Unionville; Blake Rose, of Macon; Devon Schubert, of Macon; Amanda Shoemaker, of Macon; Chade Shorten, of Atlanta; Christopher Smith, of Novinger; Zachary Stephens, of Kirksville; Clay Talton, of Kirksville; Kale Thieme, of Meadville; Kyle Triplett, of Kirksville; Abigail Watts, of Macon; and Tiffany Anne McCarty Womack, of Edina.*